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Applicants: TSUCHIYA et al
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For: Magnetic Recording And Reproducing Apparatus And
Method And Thin Film Magnetic Head Used Therein
Art Unit: 2651
Examiner: A. Giesy

RESPONSE

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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the office action dated March 2, 2005.

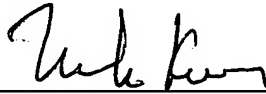
As to the requirement for restriction to one of the inventions identified as invention I - claims 1 - 4 and 14; invention II - claims 5 - 6 and 7; invention III - claim 8; invention IV - claims 9 - 11; and invention V - claims 12 - 13; such requirement is traversed in that all claims are directed to the same invention whether in terms of a process or apparatus, with the Examiner recognizing that claims designated by the Examiner as sub-combination necessarily represent part of the claims designated by the Examiner as a combination. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of the restriction requirement as set forth.

In order to provide a complete response to the restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, invention I, including claims 1 - 4 and 14 for further prosecution of this application at this time.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.43000X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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